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TO AMEMBASSY VALLETTA PRIORITY

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SUBJECT:LOAN AGREEMENT

1. DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ON FEBRUARY 5 COMMERCIAL TELEGRAM FROM MALTESE FOREIGN MINISTRY TRANSMITTING THIRD PERSON DIPLOMATIC NOTE REGARDING THE FIVE MILLION DOLLAR LOAN. HERewith IS THE BODY OF NOTE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE MINISTRY OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MALTA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND WITH REFERENCE TO THE 5 MILLION DOLLAR A.I.D. SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE LOAN HAS THE HONOUR TO INFORM AS FOLLOWS:

3. THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA IS PREPARED TO UTILIZE THE LOAN TO OBTAIN ITEMS OF EXCESS EQUIPMENT LOCATED IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNITED STATES UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS SET OUT IN THE

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1972 NAMELY THAT THE EXCESS PROPERTY ACQUIRED WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE AN AVERAGE VALUE OF 55 PER CENT OF ORIGINAL ACQUISITION COST.

4. IN THE CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA WISHES THAT THE LISTS SUBMITTED BY THIS MINISTRY UNDER COVER OF A NOTE VERBALE DATED 26TH DECEMBER, 1974 INSOFAR

AS THEY RELATE TO EQUIPMENT LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES BE URGENTLY CONSIDERED AS THE FIRST ORDER TO BE DEFRAIDED FROM THIS LOAN. THE MINISTRY WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THIS MATTER BE TREATED WITH THE UTMOST URGENCY AND IF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD LET THE MINISTRY KNOW HOW AND WHEN THE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT COULD REACH MALTA.

5. SIMILARLY THE MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA WISHES TO URGENTLY ACQUIRE THE TUG BOAT (TD-62) LOCATED AT COLBERY YARD, STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA AND TO HAVE ITS COST DEFRAIDED OUT OF THE LOAN, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT THE COST OF THIS TUG WOULD BE UP TO TEN PER CENT OF ORIGINAL ACQUISITION COST AS SPECIFIED IN THE U.S. EMBASSY'S NOTE VERBALE NO. 75 DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1974.

6. IT IS REGRETTED THAT THE LISTS CONTAINED ITEMS LOCATED AT HUNTERS POINT NAVAL SHIPYARD, AS THE MALTA TEAM WAS UNDER THE MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THAT THE VARIOUS ITEMS INSPECTED BY THEM WERE CLASSIFIED AS SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS. THE MINISTRY WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO BE INFORMED AS SOON AS THE INSPECTED EQUIPMENT BECOMES CLASSIFIED AS EXCESS PROPERTY.

7. THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S ASSISTANCE TO ARRANGE FOR ANOTHER VISIT BY A TEAM FROM MALTA TO SELECT FURTHER EXCESS EQUIPMENT FROM LOCATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN VISITED. END TEXT.

8. WE ARE PUZZLED BY REFERENCE TO LISTS SUBMITTED UNDER COVER OF NOTE VERBALE DATED 26 DECEMBER 1974. WE HAVE NO SUCH NOTE. PLEASE ASK GOM TO FURNISH EMBASSY WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THESE LISTS FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT.

9. IN MEANTIME, WE ARE WORKING ON OTHER ASPECTS OF GOM REQUEST AND EXPECT TO REPLY THROUGH EMBASSY EARLY NEXT WEEK. KISSINGER

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